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House Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman Xavier Becerra and other members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus take part in a news conference Wednesday criticizing House Republicans' budget bill.

In total, the House measure would cut \$6.3 billion in Medicaid spending for U.S. territories over eight years, including \$700 million for Puerto Rico. The bill rolls back a Medicaid spending increase for the territories provided under the Democrats' 2010 health care reform law.

House Democratic Caucus Vice Chairman Xavier Becerra (Calif.), who also attended the news conference, said Republicans have a history of making questionable moves toward Latinos, including enacting anti-immigration state laws, such as S.B. 1070 in Arizona that is being reviewed by the Supreme Court, and the House bill on the floor today.

“It’s not as if we can’t say this has not become a practice,” Becerra said. “Whether at the federal or the state level, Republicans have made it very clear how they perceive Latinos and what they think the policy should be toward them, whether it’s this extremely harsh and unfair cut that hits Latinos in Puerto Rico ... or the efforts to impose English as the official language.”

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